

REQUEST TO WITHDRAWAL FINALITY
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1752
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79923

Takahiro GOTO

Appln. No.: 10/781,645

Group Art Unit: 1752

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Examiner: Barbara Lee Gilliam

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Sir:

Applicant submits that the final Office Action dated April 17, 2007, improperly has been made final and thus respectfully solicits withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action.

Specifically, the Examiner sets forth at least one new ground of rejection which was not necessitated by Applicants' amendments. Namely, the Examiner states that a new ground of rejection is made in view of Nakamura et al and further in view of Oshima (see page 4, paragraph 6 of the Action dated April 17, 2007). The Examiner further states that Applicants' amendment necessitate the new grounds of rejection presented in the Action. However, no claim amendments were made in the Response filed by Applicants on January 30, 2007. Additionally, no claim amendments were made in the previous Response filed on August 17, 2006.

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Therefore, in view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action dated April 17, 2007, was improperly made final in view of the new grounds for rejection which were not necessitated by amendments made by Applicants.

For the reasons discussed above, Applicant requests that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn and a new Non-Final Office Action should be issued with a new time period for reply.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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